

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Hiroyuki Kimura, et al.) : Examiner: Not yet assigned
Application No.: Not yet assigned) : Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned
Filed: June 27, 2001) :
For: Voice Synthesizing)
Apparatus, Voice) :
Synthesizing System,)
Voice Synthesizing) :
Method and Storage) :
Medium : June 27, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Preliminary Amendment

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 28, 29, 73, 86, 111, 116, and 117 as follows. A marked-up copy of these claims is also attached.

28. (Amended) A storage medium storing therein a control program for making a computer realize a voice synthesizing method according to any one of Claims 19 to 22 and 24 to 27.

29. (Amended) A control program for making a computer realize a voice synthesizing method according to any one of Claims 19 to 22 and 24 to 27.

73. (Amended) A voice synthesizing apparatus according to any one of Claims 62 to 71, characterized in that it is applicable to a system for making conversation by said text data through the Internet.

86. (Amended) A storage medium storing therein a control program for making a computer realize a voice synthesizing method according to any one of Claims 25 to 27 and 30 to 33.

111. (Amended) A voice synthesizing method according to any one of Claim 104 to 109, characterized in that it is applicable to a system for voice-broadcasting said text data in various facilities such as recreation grounds, and a system for making conversation by said text data through the Internet.

116. (Amended) A storage medium storing therein a control program for making a computer realize a voice synthesizing method according to any one of Claims 22 and 24.

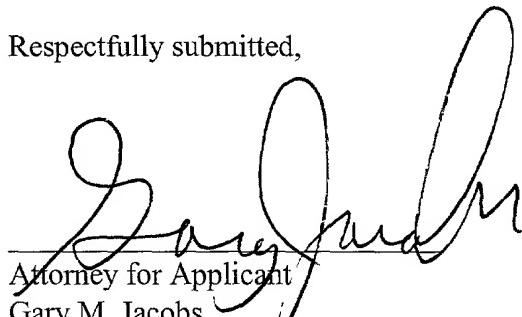
117. (Amended) A control program for making a computer realize a voice synthesizing method according to any one of Claims 22 and 24.

Remarks

Claims 28, 29, 73, 86, 111, 116, and 117 have been amended to correct improper multiple dependencies. Consideration and an early allowance are respectfully solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



Attorney for Applicant
Gary M. Jacobs
Registration No. 28,861

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10112-3801
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200
GMJ\smj

Marked-up copy of amended claims

28. (Amended) A storage medium storing therein a control program for making a computer realize a voice synthesizing method according to any one of Claims 19 to [27] 22 and 24 to 27.

29. (Amended) A control program for making a computer realize a voice synthesizing method according to any one of Claims 19 to [27] 22 and 24 to 27.

73. (Amended) A voice synthesizing apparatus according to any one of Claims [61] 62 to 71, characterized in that it is applicable to a system for making conversation by said text data through the Internet.

86. (Amended) A storage medium storing therein a control program for making a computer realize a voice synthesizing method according to any one of Claims 25 to 27 and 30 to 33.

111. (Amended) A voice synthesizing method according to any one of Claim [103] 104 to 109, characterized in that it is applicable to a system for voice-broadcasting said text data in various facilities such as recreation grounds, and a system for making conversation by said text data through the Internet.

116. (Amended) A storage medium storing therein a control program for making a computer realize a voice synthesizing method according to any one of Claims 22 [to] and 24.

117. (Amended) A control program for making a computer realize a voice synthesizing method according to any one of Claims 22 [to] and 24.